



# CAREER and TECHNICAL EDUCATION UPDATE November 1, 2015

## **2015-2016 CALENDARS Posted on the Secondary CTE Web page**

The **CTE Calendar of Events** and the **CTE DUE DATES and DEADLINES** calendars have been posted to the Secondary CTE web page located at this link: [http://opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1\\_5](http://opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1_5) Please feel free to print and post both of these important calendars for your reference throughout the year. For questions about either calendar, please contact Christy Hendricks at 406.444.9019 or email her at: [chendricks@mt.gov](mailto:chendricks@mt.gov).

### **Montana Business Educator Elaine Stedman Receives 2015 David Strong Award**

During the 2015 Montana ACTE Fall Institute held in Billings, October 15-16, Montana Business Educator Elaine Stedman (Sidney High School) was recognized for her contributions and leadership in career and technical education with the 2015 David Strong Award.

At the 2011 Montana ACTE Institute, a resolution was brought forward from Montana ACTE to recognize the life accomplishments of David Strong in the form of an award or scholarship program.

David Strong grew up in Helena and Stevensville loving to fish and hunt. David graduated from Stevensville in 1984, and enlisted in the U.S. Navy. After completing his first enlistment, David attended The University of Montana Western. He completed his Master's Degree at South Dakota Black Hills College. He moved back to Montana to teach in Whitefish in the field of Industrial Technology.

In 1999, David took a position at the Office of Public Instruction as the Industrial Technology Specialist. During this time, he served the field of Industrial Arts and Technology Education with great enthusiasm and competence. He made many friends in the CTE world and he was regarded by colleagues and associates as one in a million. After two years, David took a position at the C. R. Anderson middle school teaching Industrial Technology Education. After two years at the middle school, and the completion of his doctorate in administration, OPI offered him a position within the CTE field as specialist for Veteran's Education and Assistant Division Administrator for Career, Technical and Adult Education.

In 2008, David accepted a position with Helena Public Schools as workforce development administrator. He pioneered innovative programs for high school drop outs that enabled them to earn their high school diploma as well as college credit.

He was highly regarded in the CTE community for his leadership, intelligence, and high standards. What an amazing amount of education, accomplishment, and professionalism, David packed into these years. He touched many lives with his personality, poise, and passion for Career and Technical Education.

Elaine has been very active within the Montana Career & Technical Education and Montana Business Education profession. Elaine is a Montana Business Education Association Past President, has represented the Montana Business Education Association on the Montana Association for Career and Technical Education's Executive Board and on the Western Business Education Association Board. Elaine has previously been the Region 8 Coordinator for Business Professionals of America, Montana Association and currently serves as a member of the state leadership conference committee and is the Montana secondary division representative on the Business Professionals of America's national-level Classroom Educators Advisory Council.

During the 2015 Western Business Education Association Conference, Elaine was elected President-Elect of the Western Business Education Association and will serve as the association's president beginning July 1, 2016.



Elaine is also a member of the Montana Career & Technical Education/Business and Marketing Education Guidelines committee and serves as a member of the Framework for Business Education in Montana committee and is the Chair of the Framework's Business Management and Administration cluster.

Locally, Elaine is very active within both the Sidney School District and Sidney community. Elaine serves as the local chapter advisor for the Sidney High School's Business Professionals of America chapter and the Sidney High School Key Club. Additionally, Elaine administers the Sidney High School Jobs for Montana Graduates program and is the Chief Executive Officer of the Richland County Boys and Girls Club.

#### **2015 New CTE Professionals Workshop Held in Billings, October 14**

The Career & Technical Education division's specialists and staff presented a New Career and Technical Education (CTE) Professionals Workshop in Billings at the Billings Career Center on Wednesday, October 14, 2015.

Secondary career and technical education professionals, as well as Career and Technical Student Organization state directors and local chapter advisors, from around the state attended the free one-day workshop to gain information on the many hot topics of career and technical education at the state and national levels. The 40 professionals in attendance represented various career and technical education areas including agriculture education, business education, family and consumer sciences education, health science education, and industrial trades & technology education.

Attendees participated in two joint morning sessions addressing Carl Perkins and state funding and the Career Clusters, Big Sky Pathways, and introduced the new state directors for Montana's Career and Technical Student Organizations and provided details regarding House Bill 86 and House Bill 356. The morning joint sessions were followed by an area-specific breakout session covering professional organizations, professional development opportunities at the state, regional, and national levels, and resources for curriculum development and classroom management. The afternoon focused on career and technical student organizations (CTSOs) and providing new advisors with tips, tricks, and resources for developing a local chapter and implementing a successful program of activities.

The workshop was a great success with quality information being passed on to the classroom teachers and with quality discussions during the sessions. The workshop also provide an excellent venue for new career and technical education professionals to network and build professional relationships they can draw upon as they continue their careers within the career and technical education professional.

## **Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources**

No update at this time.

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## **FFA**



Teams and individuals representing FFA chapters from across the state will actively participate in twenty different competitive events during the National FFA Convention. The annual convention will once again be held in Louisville, KY. the last week in October. This promises to one of many highlights for Montana members. Prior to the convention, Neela Andres from Missoula will go through five days of intense interviews for the right to serve as one of six national FFA officers. Additionally, Montana will have 45 members receive the American FFA Degree. This honor is the highest degree that a member can earn.

John Deere Ag Expo (JDAE) is coming to the campus of Montana State University, November 12-14. This activity allows over 1300 FFA members from across the state to come to Bozeman and participate in twenty-two different competitions. JDAE will also host two different leadership workshops – they are the Montana Leadership Conference which is designed for freshman and sophomore members and the Premier Leadership Conference which is held for junior and senior members.

State FFA officers have been attending state-wide competitions and have taken on the project of developing a new website for the Montana FFA Association and Foundation. They hope to debut the website at the state convention which will be held the end of March in Bozeman.

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## **Business Education**

### **BUSINESS ED NEWS FOR UPDATE**

#### **Montana Business Educators & Supporters Recognized During MBEA Awards Presentation**

During the 2015 Montana Business Education Association's Annual Business Meeting Thursday, October 15 in Billings, MBEA presented honored two business education professionals and one business for their contributions to the field and students of business education.

MBEA Past President Elaine Stedman (Sidney High School) presided over the awards presentation. Past President Stedman first present the Distinguished Service Award for Outstanding Contributions to Business Education to Sun Mountain of Missoula. For many years, Sun Mountain has been a strong supporter of Business Education and Career and Technical Education through their sponsorship of the Montana High School Business Challenge. The Montana Chamber Foundation sponsors the business simulation. The program runs for eight weeks each semester of classes, spring and fall. Over 1,500 students in more than 60 schools compete annually and more than 16,000 Montana students have participated since its inception.

Lynn Beach, Baker High School, was awarded the 2015 MBEA Young Teacher of the Year. Lynn is one of two business teachers at Baker High School and is co-advisor of the Baker Business Professionals of America chapter. Lynn was honored for her commitment to students, her enthusiasm for business education, and for all of her involvement in the Baker school and community.

Cheryl Graham, Bainville High School, was named the 2015 MBEA Teacher of the Year award. In addition to teaching a variety of business courses at Bainville High School, Cheryl is both a MBEA and Montana ACTE Past President and has represented both MBEA and Montana ACTE on the regional and national levels. A graduate of the University of Montana, Cheryl began her teaching career at St. Regis High School, served as the OPI Business Education Specialist and state advisor for both Montana BPA and Montana DECA, and is currently the Montana BPA Region 8 Coordinator. Most recently, Cheryl served as a member of the Montana Career &



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Technical Education/Business and Marketing Education Guidelines committee and serves as a member of the Framework for Business Education in Montana committee.

### **Montana Business Educator Named the Montana ACTE Outstanding New CTE Teacher**

St. Regis High School's Chad Eichenlaub was awarded the [2015 Montana Association for Career and Technical Education](#)'s New CTE Teacher of the Year during the 2015 Montana ACTE Awards Luncheon. The 2015 Montana ACTE Awards Luncheon was held in Billings on Thursday, October 15 during the 2015 Montana ACTE Fall Institute.

In his fourth year of teaching, Chad is the business teacher and BPA advisor at St. Regis and is currently serving as the secretary for the Montana Business Education Association. When Chad began his teaching career he took over a program which had been fighting for survival for a long time. In his short time in the classroom he has been able to make tremendous contributions to the school and provide numerous new and exciting opportunities for students. Chad has developed an expansive curriculum for his students covering some of the business education basics of accounting, business law, marketing, and computer basics as well as advanced and specialty courses in graphic design, video production, and web design. As a BPA local chapter advisor, his students consistently place at the regional, state, and national levels and Chad willingly volunteers his time ensuring students have a positive and rewarding experience by serving as an event administrator, proctor, and grader (APG). When performing APG duties, Chad does so with a solid knowledge of the guidelines and administrative procedures of the events in which he assists.

As a young business education & CTE professional, Chad has demonstrated his desire to take advantage of professional development experiences and to be an active member of professional organizations. Chad is a veteran of the OPI-sponsored New CTE Professionals Workshop and has been an active participant in the Montana ACTE Fall Institute each year of his teaching career. Furthermore, Chad has applied his CTE- and business education-knowledge by partnering with Missoula College UM to establish a Big Sky Pathway with the AAS Business Technology Management—Sales and Marketing option degree program. By doing so, he further ensures his program prepares students to be college and career ready.

Chad will now advance to be the Montana ACTE candidate for the ACTE Region V New CTE Teacher of the Year. The 2016 ACTE Region V conference will be held in April in San Diego, California. Good luck Chad!

### **New Leadership Team Elected for Montana Business Education Association**

Members of the [Montana Business Education Association \(MBEA\)](#) ([www.mbea.info](http://www.mbea.info)) elected a new slate of officers for 2016 during the 2015 MBEA Business Meeting. The 2015 MBEA Business Meeting was held in Billings on Thursday, October 15 during the Montana ACTE Fall Institute.

The 2016 MBEA officers include

- President: Brad Mehr, Bozeman
- President Elect: Chad Eichenlaub, St. Regis
- Vice President: Nicole Bogunovich, Billings West
- Secretary: Beth Lawrence, Garfield County District High School, Jordan
- Treasurer: Bertha Kirschten, Plevna
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- Past President: Doug Andersen, Billings Senior

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## Montana Business Professionals of America November 2015 Update

On October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 204 students and 54 advisors attended the Montana BPA Fall Leadership Conference at Fairmont Hot Springs. The state officers were excited to present important BPA topics as well as involve chapter members in leadership activities. State officers prepared activities Saturday evening and Sunday morning to ensure that everyone would have a great time and come away with new ideas! When chapters arrived on Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, it was a new experience for everyone. Students actively participated in a name game, nonverbal cues, balloon towers, personality traits, and many more fun leadership games and icebreakers. After leadership training, there was a dinner followed by a pool party. BPA Members enjoyed the free time they had by enjoying the pool, slide, and hot tub. Monday morning, October 12<sup>th</sup>, students and advisors participated in workshops to help better BPA and improve their chapters-- BPA Cares program, TORCH Awards program, and fundraising ideas for their chapter and more. The last event of the day was the Biz Bowl, a quiz bowl with buzzers. Teams got to compete and answer BPA and other trivia questions for a chance to win a bracket and the Biz Bowl. All teams did great and enjoyed getting a moment of glory, buzzing in correct answers, especially the winning team, Twin Bridges. Overall, we heard positive feedback about the conference and are hopefully planning on continuing it every year. It was a great learning experience for students and advisors, especially those new to BPA. Mark your calendar for October 2-3, 2016 for next year's conference. We will be returning to Fairmont Hot Springs.

Welcome Nicole Bogunovich as the new State Officer Coordinator for Montana BPA. Nicole teaches business at Billings West High School and is the BPA advisor there.

Regional Leadership Conferences are scheduled for the December and January. The dates are: Region 7--December 7; Region 4-- December 16; Region 6--December 21-22; Region 1--January 11; Region 5-- January 12; Region 2--January 6 or 13; Region 3--January 18 and Region 8--January 20. More information for when registration opens will be sent out by regional executive board members.

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### Montana DECA



Montana DECA would like to welcome Turner High School as our newest chapter. This past month Montana DECA attended the MACTE convention in Billings, MT where we networked and expanded program initiatives. Montana DECA is also pleased to launch the DECA Idea Challenge November 12, 2015. DECA is excited to bring you another year of the DECA Idea Challenge, a fast-paced experiential learning



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exercise that dares elementary, secondary and college students to find an innovative new use for a common, everyday item.

A premier event of Global Entrepreneurship Week (GEW), the DECA Idea Challenge is a fast-paced, hands-on learning experience that dares students around the globe to generate an innovative new use for a commonplace item in just eight days. After organizing into groups, students must

- access the challenge item online once it is revealed
- collaborate as a team to produce an original and sustainable use for the item
- pitch their invention in an engaging YouTube video presentation
- submit entry online by the deadline

The item to be used in the challenge will remain a mystery until revealed by DECA Inc. on **November 12, 2015 at 12:01 AM EST.**

DECA membership is **not** a requirement to participate in the competition, so be sure to tell everyone you know about this compelling idea generator! You don't want to miss out!

DECA Also launched the DECA Virtual Business Challenge in October.

The DECA Virtual Business Challenge is an official DECA competitive event where participants use highly visual simulation software to manage a business. The DECA Virtual Business Challenge (VBC) encourages DECA members to test their skills at managing a business individually or as a team. The VBC culminates in live competitions at the ICDC Nationals. This year's VBC will have the six tracks, VBC Accounting, VBC Restaurant, VBC Retailing, VBC Sports, VBC Personal Finance and the DECA Hotel Challenge.

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## Family and Consumer Sciences & Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America Update

During October 4 – 6, over half of Montana's FCCLA chapters attended the second annual Leadership Rally on the MSU-Bozeman campus. Approximately 250 members and advisers participated in leadership training, chapter development, and toured the campus and learning about the degree programs offered within the College of Education, Health & Human Development.

During the rally, a grant opportunity in collaboration with the Montana Department of Transportation was announced for up to \$1,000 each for chapters to develop a project with our Families Acting for Community Traffic Safety (FACTS) National Program. For more information, please visit

[http://plan2live.mt.gov/teen\\_challenge.shtml](http://plan2live.mt.gov/teen_challenge.shtml). In addition, all chapters attending the rally received a toolkit of resources to teach about purchasing and preparing foods on a tight budget. Chapter are encouraged to not only include the resources in their FCS curriculum but also conduct service learning projects to educate others. Materials were provided by a grant from the Montana Financial Education Coalition.

The Phased Approach to FCCLA Mentor Program was launched for the 2015-16 year to pair ten experienced advisers with ten new advisers. This program addresses a need to support the 39% of Montana FCCLA advisers who are in their first five years. In addition to talking about FCCLA programming, the program also strengthens FCS programming in local schools. In addition to the mentor program, a new award "New Adviser of the Year" has been established to recognize an adviser who invests in them self to develop a strong and sustainable chapter.

On Wednesday, October 14, five Family & Consumer Sciences teachers attended the OPI New CTE Professionals Workshop in Billings. The day was spent discussing state level CTE programming along with specific FCS education and FCCLA chapter development. This training was followed by the annual Montana ACTE Fall Institute on October 15-16. Approximately 50 Family & Consumer Sciences professionals attended the



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conference, and a great time was had by all! They attended fabulous presentations by Joanna Krogstad, Lindy Hockenbary and Kim Smith, heard a very entertaining keynote speaker and enjoyed networking at its best throughout the conference. New officers were elected for the 2015-2016 year: Past President Joanna Krogstad, President Jocelyn Sumner, President Elect Shaye Skovgaard, Secretary Cathe Felz, and Treasurer Margie Chinadle. Awards were given to the following individuals from the FCS division of Montana ACTE (MAFCSE): FCS New Teacher of the Year Shaye Skovgaard (Skyview HS) and FCS Teacher of the Year Kim Knoche (Forsyth HS). Montana ACTE awarded Cathe Felz the ACTE Carl Perkins Community Service Award. Cathe will represent Montana at the Region V Conference in San Diego in April for this award. Congratulations to our honorees – you are most deserving! The MAFCSE Board also announced their new website: <http://www.montanafcsed.org/>. Check it out!

October 26 was Montana CrunchTime to celebrate National Farm to School Month. Numerous schools participated, and some FCS teachers and FCCLA chapters were instrumental in getting their schools involved including but not limited to Beaverhead County High School, Park City Schools, and Reed Point Schools. Thanks for participating and getting your schools and students involved!

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## **Health Sciences Education**

### **Health Science Division**

Thank you to all the health Science teachers who made the trek to Billings for the New CTE Professionals Workshop, the MT ACTE Conference, and our post-session Anatomy in Clay workshop. Highlights included working with Kim Smith, authentic of Health Science and Anatomy & Physiology Learning Games, a superb tour at St. Vincent Healthcare, and a walking Public Health tour with Rivers tone Health. Even if you did not attend MT ACTE, we still need 4 more teachers to join the organization so we can have a Health Science Division of MT ACTE. We really need to add our voices to the state CTE conversation and this is a direct link to state level planning. The membership also includes a great subscription to the ACTE magazine Techniques, and lots of links to blogs on topics important to tea hers nationwide. Please consider joining.

To your health!

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**Montana HOSA**



Montana HOSA State Officers met in Butte, September 14<sup>th</sup>, to plan Fall Leadership Conferences and review the annual program of work. Fall Leadership Conferences will be hosted in Kalispell, Missoula, Bozeman, Butte, and Helena, on Sept. 30, Oct. 2, and Oct. 6, 7, & 8, respectively. Thanks to a generous in-kind donation from Monida Healthcare Network, students will have the opportunity to practice phlebotomy and intubation skills with anatomical models and mannequins, and be trained in use of an AED.

The State Director attended National HOSA's annual State Advisor Meeting in D.C., Sept. 20-24. A visit to "the Hill" allowed time to meet with staff from Senator Tester and Daines' offices. In addition to HOSA, information was shared on the current work of HealthCARE Montana, <http://healthcaremontana.org/>

New HOSA chapters this school year include Butte Central, Polson, and Troy. We welcome new local advisors, Misty Cerise-Cunningham, Tammy Kelley, and Anita Winslow, as well as new advisors to existing chapters: Rob Truax (Great Falls), Rheanna Fultz (Charlo), Katie Meier (Billings Career Center), Linzi Napier (Flathead).

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# **Industrial, Trades and Technology Education**

## **SAFETY FEST MT – Your Opportunity to Invest in Workplace Safety**

Safety Fest Montana will be held in Billings November 16-19, 2015, with most activities taking place at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center, located at 1223 Mullaney Lane.

Registration closes November 15, with some classes limiting the number of attendees.

Emphasis on SAFETY in the workplace has taken a top priority nationally as well as here in Montana, where the work related injury rate is among the highest in the nation.

Experts have long known that the best place to start initiating workplace safety training is in secondary and postsecondary programs, before the individuals enter the workforce.

There are 70 Safety classes to choose from, Including OSHA 10 and OSHA 30.

You do not have to attend all days, you can pick and choose the classes that will best meet your needs.

The Agenda, Class Descriptions, and Registration can be found at the website [www.safetyfestmt.com](http://www.safetyfestmt.com)

CTE teachers are eligible to use Carl Perkins Professional Development Funds to help pay expenses. School Districts are obligated to use 10% of their allocated Perkins Funding for professional development activities for teachers.

Be sure to mention Safety Fest when booking your room to take advantage of discounted rates.

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## **SkillsUSA**



## **Congratulations to Mr. Jim Weber!**

Jim Weber, Capital High School, was chosen to receive the "*Let's Talk About Great Teachers*" award. The Helena Education Foundation selected seven Helena teachers to receive this award. These teachers were selected for their commitment to students and teaching. Each recipient received two tickets to the Education Foundation's "Great Conversations" event and will be recognized at this event. SkillsUSA Montana is proud to call Mr. Weber a member and we are so proud of him and his commitment to students and their career success.

## **Jefferson High School Chapter**

A few of the Skills welding students designed and built a sign after school with some old parts and metal they had at the shop and hung it on the shop wall.

SkillsUSA members are making cornhole boards for a fundraiser they are doing for Skills and the art club. The Skills kids are building the boards, the art club students are designing and painting them, then they are going to have a cornhole game day with BBQ. They will auction the boards off at the end of the event.



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## Get Ready to ... Jump into STEM!



SkillsUSA members are bridging the gap between elementary-age students and STEM careers with the groundbreaking new program *Jump into STEM!*

While many schools participate in various STEM initiatives, most lack programming with a direct link to specific careers. *Jump into STEM!* fills that need with a way to incorporate career-focused learning that's engaging and informative, either during or after school. Elementary-age participants take part in dynamic and interactive experiences facilitated by SkillsUSA members. SkillsUSA members experience personal growth relative to the SkillsUSA Framework while sharing information on subjects they are passionate about, including SkillsUSA! An additional benefit of the program is the chance to educate elementary-school administrators, counselors, teachers and parents about STEM careers, career and technical education (CTE) and SkillsUSA.

All *Jump into STEM!* materials are detailed and organized to make facilitation simple, yet power-packed, with information that will engage participants in a meaningful experience and intentional learning. The curriculum provides 22 interactive and memorable sessions, each written to introduce elementary students to different STEM careers and career clusters, as well as the value of SkillsUSA. During the sessions, chapter members introduce themselves, present activities that engage student learning and share specific career cluster and occupational information. The curriculum includes two sessions for 11 of the Career Clusters.

*Jump into STEM!* is a free member benefit of SkillsUSA professional membership. Professional members receive an automatic email upon submitting membership that includes a PIN for easy access into *Jump into STEM!* and the *Career Readiness Curriculum*, both of which are conveniently located on the advisor login page of the SkillsUSA registration site.

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## **Montana TSA**



The year is off to a fast start. The TSA team has been putting procedures in place, recruiting new chapters and organizing leadership training for advisors, chapter members and the state officer team.

We are in the middle of our beginning membership drive, looks like we might be signing up FIVE NEW chapters this year as well as targeting two other prospective chapters.

Beside the membership drive some activities that the TSA Team has accomplished are:

- Updated Montana TSA website [www.MontanaTSA.com](http://www.MontanaTSA.com)
- Field tested TrackIt Forward software and phone app to track student service hours.
- Attended and distributed TSA information and promotional material at CTE conference and MEA conference.
- Setting up to do a Google Hangout with State and Chapter Officers.
- Developing the Summer Technology Update Conference for June

This year we will be hosting two more VEX ROBOTICS Competitions...

*Bozeman High School on December 5<sup>th</sup>*

*Glacier High School in early February*

More info to follow... check our new website at [www.MontanaTSA.com](http://www.MontanaTSA.com)

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